

# **PROPOSAL – Tunk**

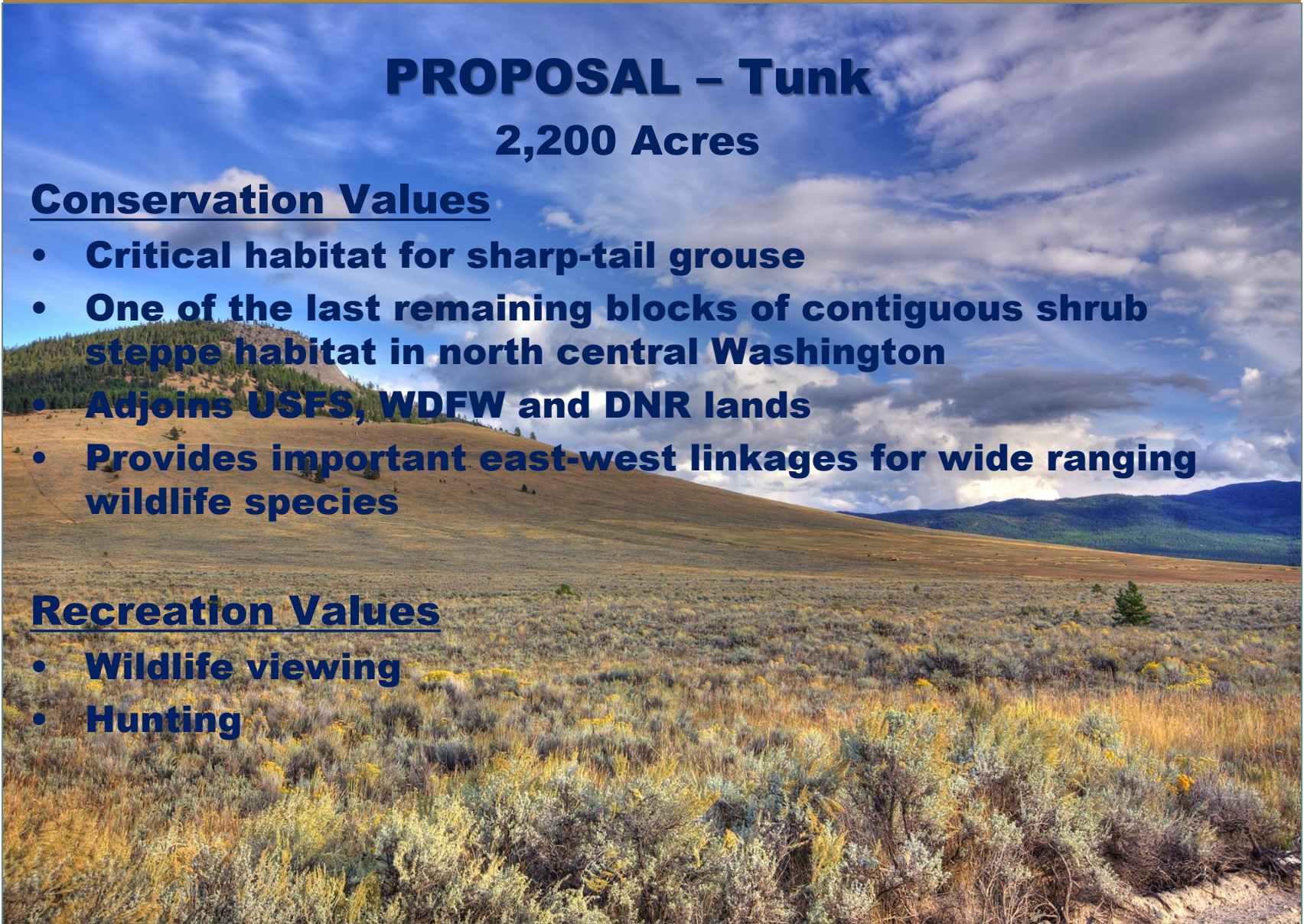
## **2,200 Acres**

### **Conservation Values**

- **Critical habitat for sharp-tail grouse**
- **One of the last remaining blocks of contiguous shrub steppe habitat in north central Washington**
- **Adjoins USFS, WDFW and DNR lands**
- **Provides important east-west linkages for wide ranging wildlife species**

### **Recreation Values**

- **Wildlife viewing**
- **Hunting**





Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Estimated Acres	2,200
Existing Uses	Working ranch
Threats	Subdivision and development
Intended Uses	These <b>conservation easements</b> would protect high quality shrub steppe habitat. <b>*Only select landowners within this polygon have expressed an interest in conservation easements (see map).</b> Includes critical habitat for sharp-tail grouse, which are listed as a federal species of concern. In addition the property would provide working land partnership opportunities.
Project Description	This area supports one of the most robust sharp-tailed grouse sub-populations in Washington, and protects one of the last remaining blocks of contiguous shrub steppe habitat remaining in Washington. The properties also have stringers of riparian habitat along stream courses and in shrubby draws and stands of ponderosa pine forest. The area also includes elk, deer and golden eagles; and could serve as an excellent site for burrowing owl reintroduction. Target properties are adjacent to and connects various blocks of public land including U. S. Forest Service, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Natural Resources ownerships. This property lies in one of the most important east-west linkages for wide-ranging wildlife species in Washington state.
Partners/Supporters	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, U.S. Forest Service, Colville Tribe, Okanogan Land Trust, Trust for Public Lands, Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Conservation Northwest



